

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of: KIEFFER Confirmation Number: 1113
ET AL.

Application No.: 09/804,409

Group Art Unit: 1632

Filed: March 12, 2001

Examiner: Kelly, Robert M.

Title: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR REGULATED PROTEIN EXPRESSION IN
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 8, 2006, in connection with the above-identified application, the time for responding extended to March 8, 2007 by the accompanying fee and petition, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks:

The **Claims** begin at **page 2**.

The **Remarks** begin at **page 10**.

Exhibits 1-7 immediately follow this Response.

Petition for Extension of Time:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time, extending the three-month shortened statutory period for reply as set by the Examiner from December 8, 2006 to March 8, 2007. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 033975, Order No. 029996-0278721, for the requisite three-month small-entity extension fee and any other fees due in connection with this submission.